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## WOMAN'S UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AMERICA FOR HEATHEN LANDS.

This Society was organized in 1860, and is the pioneer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in America.

It is undenominational, and so it presents a united Christian front to the heathen world.

It is carried on entirely by women, with unsalaried officers.

Its aim is the salvation and elevation of heathen women.

"Win for Christ," its motto.

IN view of the important part the education of women is bound to play in India's uplift, the work being done by schools and colleges under missionary management is significant. "In the report of the Director of Instruction it is pointed out that the work in Mission girls' schools is superior, and the reason given is that they are able to secure better-equipped teachers. The Commissioner of the Benares division writes: 'It is not surprising that the mission schools do so much better. One has only to see their schools and compare the teachers with schools of the ordinary district board, aided or unaided institutions to see what makes the difference.'"

SIR HERBERT EDWARD said. "Till India is leavened with Christianity, she will be unfit for freedom. When this has been brought about, England may then leave her. Yes, England may leave her freely, frankly, gladly, proudly leave the stately daughters she has reared, to walk the future with a free imperial step."

AT the twenty-eighth anniversary of the *Zenana Missionary Society* of the Church of England, "Chancellor P. V. Smith, LL.D., who has recently made a tour in the

East, observed, that lady missionaries in India occupy a unique position, in that they are able to touch the mainspring of Indian thought. Two distinct movements are apparent just now in India in the direction of Christianity. There is a movement of families coming out together seeking baptism and the awakening among high caste educated Indians and Mahommedans, which will become very pronounced in a few years. Additional encouragement is found in the higher tone of the spiritual life of converts, and the deepened missionary enthusiasm. Native Christian workers in Gampola have been heard praying: 'O Lord, give us spiritual children.'"

"THE *National Missionary Society* is justifying the expectations of its friends in that it has not only begun real mission work by establishing a station in the Punjab, but its influence is spreading, and creating an earnestness and enthusiasm for the conquest of India among a constituency not reached before. Every missionary welcomes this gratifying development, and hopes that the Society may become a most powerful factor in the Christianization of the land."

"MUCH time and prayerful thought have been bestowed upon the important questions of providing a scheme for Medical Education for the whole of China. It has been felt that the Union Medical College, Peking, will form an object lesson for the Empire, and that it should be practicable, to promote colleges in other great centers, utilizing those Hospitals and Medical Schools that have hitherto done excellent work under the superintendence of Medical Missionaries from this country and America. This crisis in China affords an opportunity for a great extension of Medical Mission work and of teaching Western science."



OUR INDIAN PUPILS.

## IN EASTERN LANDS.

INDIA—FĀTEHPUR.

IN OUR RESCUE HOME.

By MISS E. H. TODD.

**D**URING these past few weeks when the thermometer has ranged daily from 102 degrees to 114 degrees as the highest temperature in the shade, one has marvelled to see delicate, tiny flowers spring up here and there from the hard sun-baked ground. Not a blade of grass is to be seen, and yet this fragile flower-cup of white, veined with pink and a wee purple tasselly flower, and still another yellow blossom, have appeared to delight one by their beauty and to teach many a lesson by their presence amid such barren conditions. Then, too, my attention has been drawn to-day to a patch of prickly foliage which has been so unsightly, but is now transformed by its mass of sunshiny, yellow flowers, into a bit of beauty on the dusty gray landscape.

There has come a deeper faith from considering these perfect lovely blossoms, appearing upon such unsightly plants, and under such unlikely conditions, for the lives of the

girls and women now gathered in our Rescue Home here at Fātehpur. At times their natures seem hard and unresponsive, and the thorns are very evident, but there is the assurance that not only God's thought for each life is a beautiful one, but His is the power to transform it. Pray with us that there may be a full yielding on the part of the women to let the very life of Jesus possess them, and increase day by day, that it may be Christ for them to live.

The flowers have refreshed me these burning days, but far, far more gladdening has been the sight of traces of beauty in the lives of some who have been very thorny. How very different is E. this Summer from last year! Very few days then passed without an outburst of temper, and the slightest reproof would make her face dark as if thunderclouds rested upon it, and there was the defiant twist of the shoulders, when a command was given, which was not pleasing. Now her countenance is generally sunshiny, and although her careless, impetuous nature sometimes needs reproof, we see a new sweetness. The missionary who brought E. here a year ago was so impressed by the new light in her face that she could not keep back tears of thankfulness. Certainly the conditions of her life before coming here were very difficult for

her best development. Though a girl from one of our Orphanages, and blessed with a good training, yet she had not learned the secret of victory by being controlled by Christ. She began her married life with a bad temper, and the presence of a quarrelsome mother-in-law and a husband not much better made stormy times. E.'s miseries increased when her baby, whom she so loved died, and her husband deserted her, and the young wife of about seventeen was left to wander hither and thither at her own will, and thus was in a place of great danger, when found by one of our missionaries and brought here. If you could see her now, teaching the younger girls in our Home, managing them so well because she is now better-controlled herself, would you not think it worth while to have such a Home as this, where girls like E. would be received, who could not be taken back into our Orphanage?

There is much more to be transformed in E., and will not some of you take her upon your hearts to pray that she will "let the beauty of the Lord be upon her," that she may develop into a true witness for Christ in this dark land where witnesses are so needed? Can you not understand how much it meant to one of our missionaries in Cawnpore to have a "Home" connected with our own society where she could bring E. to be protected and helped to fulfill God's purposes for her?

From our Mission in Jhansi came a young girl, a wandering one, gone far astray, and an older girl, and this was the kind of a home adapted for them. A girl with a very sad history may develop into a useful worker for us as a nurse, if she but yields herself wholly to God, and we ask you to open our doors for difficult cases from Allahabad, where our missionaries were perplexed as to what could be done.

A mother, two children, and even a boy were received at one time, and the blessed result followed that a husband was reclaimed, and after showing his real change of heart, for a few months, was united to his family. A child-wife of thirteen from this family, received teaching for several months, before she returned to her husband's home. It is too soon yet to tell what the full outcome will be from work done for this family, but listen! The boy has brought a man and a boy to Jesus Christ, and is studying to be a truly prepared worker for his Master. One of the little girls has been in our Cawnpore Orphanage, making good progress and winning approval from her teachers and the missionary in charge.

Would that you could witness the real

change in L. from Allahabad, who had such quarrelsome ways and uncontrollable temper she kept herself and everyone about her, stirred up to a most uncomfortable state much of the time. There has been no punishment needed for L. for several months and she is now ready for any work given her. Now I find myself calling upon L. for help when especial tasks are needed to be done, and I have found her so willing to comply with every demand. She is not perfect yet by any means, but is there no one to pray that the beauty of the Lord Jesus may be fully seen upon her?

You have heard of the "Star Imp," the well-named small child of ten, who was sent to us from Allahabad to be trained, before she could be transferred to the Orphanage at Cawnpore. We called her our "Shooting Star," for she always darted everywhere, never walked, but like a flash was here and there. Her temper, too, flashed, and she would assume tragic positions and declare in her anger, that she would tear out her eyes and fling them at our feet if we treated her so badly and made her study. Then she would beat her head upon the ground until she cried sometimes with the pain she caused herself. At first she would tear the garments of anyone who would try to control her, and she had a veritable thorny nature, but she calmed down and began soon to show traces of beauty. She was very loving and was much impressed upon hearing of Jesus, and was eager to know how to pray. She now is in our Orphanage at Cawnpore and needs friends to intercede for her that "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree" in her life.

Come with me and see this young mother with her children of three and ten, wandering in the jungle, eating day after day the little wild fruit that could be found and leaves from shrubs and trees.

Ask the mother why they are there? To you her reply would not justify her presence in such a desolate place, for it is only the bare outlines of a story you will hear, such as is too common in India. The sufferings, all that lies between the outlines, is left to one's imagination. As you listen, this is the briefly told story. Deserted by her first husband there followed a so-called marriage with another man who had a wife already, a vixen of a woman. R. found herself in the very fire of persecution, as both the men as well as the women of the large household united in abusing her and making a veritable drudge of her. Sometimes she thought of One, called Jesus, of whom she had heard once when she went

with her relatives to a church, where a man told of the wonderful love of this Jesus for everyone. She could not remember very much that was said, nor had she understood much, but there was no forgetting Him. It may seem inexpressibly strange to you why this woman when she resolved to escape from the desperately hard conditions about her should choose the jungle, rather than going to her Christian relatives in Fātehpur. We cannot get her vision-point at that time, but as the jungle was near she went there, and it seemed that even there, as in the house she had just left, there was but slow starvation for herself and children. The nine-year-old girl would entreat her mother day after day, "Do let us go to Fātehpur and become Christians like our Auntie, do let us go." This was the one cry of the child, and at last her entreaty took effect, and the discouraged mother allowed herself to be led in the direction of Fātehpur.

It was a weary way for them in their weak condition, and when the Auntie's house was reached there was, alas! no welcome for them. The relatives there were Christians only in name, and having little food for themselves had no desire to share with others. They were bidden to be gone as soon as they had arrived, and poor R. said: "Let me rest just a few moments, and then I will be able to go a little further and see my other relative Lydia, and if she does not want me either I will return to the jungle."

The tender Shepherd would not let them again lose their way, and there was an open heart of love for them in the next home. Poverty reigned there also, but there was no turning away needy ones, and there was the trust that the Lord would provide. Lydia, generally a most dull, unresponsive, quiet girl, came to me with face all aglow with the joy that R. and her two children had come and were ready to stay here and learn about Jesus.

There were grave difficulties in having R. living by herself in a large open Compound, as she would be subject to temptation, and she, wanting protection, begged to come and live in our walled-in Compound with our women. She said, "I will work and always obey you and give you no trouble if you will only take me into your family. She has kept her word, and has always been ready for any hard work, and she really seems afraid sometimes that she may displease me. I have never had any trouble with her, which cannot be said of any other member of my household of twenty.

She is not very bright mentally, yet she listens eagerly to the Bible lessons daily and

has made good progress in learning to read. The girl is very keen in her studies, and her development in every way most encouraging. The Spirit is working in the heart of the mother and this older child. Pray that God's perfect thought in bringing these souls here may be fulfilled. The younger girl of three would win your hearts by her confidence in you, as she has the independence of an American child, quite unlike most Indian children.

## JAPAN—YOKOHAMA.

IN THE COUNTRY.

By MISS SUSAN AUGUSTA PRATT.

THE workers at Iwamoto had greatly desired me to visit their work, and so on a bright morning Miss Alward and I started by train for Iuabuchi (the edge of the rock), having fine views of Mount Fuji most of the way. Giving our baggage to a jinrikisha man, we walked through the long village street to the bridge crossing the Fuji River, there being met by the two Bible-women.

That evening I had a small meeting for Christians, and afterward we sat around the charcoal brazier, talking over difficult problems in the work and speaking of many passages in God's Word. We had a searching time at our morning prayer-service and then with one of the Bible-women we made calls. It was a good time for work, as a holiday was being kept, the occasion being that the three- and five-year-old children, are taken to the temple to worship. On this day the little girls first begin to wear sashes, and the five-year-old boys a certain style of coat. One of our Christians is a school teacher, and I had a satisfactory talk with his mother and wife, who willingly listened.

Our next call was to the house of a school teacher whose wife is a Christian. The two young daughters, one a teacher, often come to the preaching-place to be taught. The next family we visited were all Christians. The father has an incurable disease, but is strong in faith. He told me he was learning to know that God answered prayer as never before. The daughter was in our Bible Training-School for some time. The family is poor, but sent a feast of vermicelli to the preaching-place that evening for the teachers.

Through the rice fields we then went, followed by crowds of children, to another village where a Christian lives, who has five sons whom she is training for God. Her husband is so impressed with the power of Christianity

as shown by her in her daily life, that he is seeking the way. I am hoping that she will soon join our little church in Iwamoto, for her influence will be great there.

We passed through the small village of Uramachi, where the Bible-women have a very flourishing Sunday School. The children are especially well-behaved and some of them accompanied us home, quite a number carrying babies on their backs. The evening meeting was well attended by all the Christians and a number of unbelievers. Earlier in the evening the children, perhaps eighty in number, came in and sang hymns. A number of sweet young girls were present and seemed greatly interested. We plan to start a sewing-class soon and will probably in this way be able to reach a large number of young girls. They will then learn something of Christianity as we shall have regular Bible teaching. After the regular meeting we sang hymns for some time as the Japanese are very fond of them and are often heard singing at their work.

The next morning the Bible-women and one of the Christians went to the station with us. We need to pray much for the workers in these country places, as so many difficulties arise. We make it a point in our daily morning worship at the Bible Training-School to pray for each one of our country workers.

During the winter vacation I sent out four students into the country, for special training in evangelistic work. They are very earnest, faithful students and will make good workers, I am convinced.

Traveling in some places in Japan is rather different from taking a train and after a few hours reaching one's destination. Our three stations across Tokyo Bay are not far away, but one must allow a day for travel. If the weather is fine we can cross in a sail-boat, otherwise we take the train to Yokosuka, a naval port, and then a small steamer.

Before we reached Yokosuka the rain was falling, but we kept on, as the people were expecting us. We crossed in a tiny steamer, which stopped some distance from the rocky shore, and a boat came out to meet us, rowed by strong men.

We were pulled through a window in the side of the steamer, as there were no steps of any kind. The surf was very high, and one wave broke over us, wetting us and our baggage. We landed on a narrow strip of shore and went to a tea-house for a little rest, after which we took jinrikshas for the fishing village of Yawata, where our faithful Bible-woman Tanaka Tingi is working. It was

pleasant to be able to dry our wet clothing and rest a little before the evening meeting.

I think I never met a more earnest band of Christians than those in Yawata village. Born and brought up in persecution, they are able to help others and lead them to Christ. People in this village are more willing to listen to the "Jesus teaching." As we were kept in Yawata an extra day because of the heavy storm I had time and opportunity to talk specially with each enquirer, and we had three good meetings, where they sing well, their untrained voices being especially sweet.

At Iwase I visited our Bible-woman, married to one of the men of this village and who has really been true to her name, "Peace." She has been a blessing to many. We had a good meeting in the afternoon, attended by several of the Christians who gladly come out to meetings at any hour in the day. As it was a festival, many people in holiday attire came in from the country and booths had been erected along the streets, and they stood near the windows and door, listening to the hymns and to my talk. After the meeting the Christians accompanied us on our way to the next village. We passed two large carts upon which were platforms holding several dancers and musicians, above were figures of some famous warriors. These carts were drawn by a large number of men dressed in a costume of blue and white, with fancy hats and streamers.

I then walked through small pine groves and between rice fields to Futsu, where our Bible-women were waiting for us. A number gathered in the small, matted room, among them a woman who has recently received baptism, and a young girl who comes regularly to the preaching-place to be taught. One of the Christians here has brought his mother and brother to Christ, and is now leading others in his part of the village. One of the Christians from Iwaru came on his wheel to see us off the next morning and others stood on the seashore and watched us first, as we were carried on the back of a woman to a small boat and from there to the larger one, which took us to Yokohama.

It is a real joy to meet these earnest Christians and the new enquirers. One feels so thankful to have been called to some part in this great work of leading others to Jesus Christ. Most of the success of our work depends on the prayers of the workers at home, and I would ask for special prayer that our workers here, may be women in whom God can be well pleased.

## HOME NOTES.

### CRISIS IN JAPAN.

IT is strange that a prevalent opinion is constantly expressed, that Japan is so near Christianity, missions can be dispensed with. Interest in our School for Girls at 212 Bluff, the pioneer Boarding-School in the Empire, for this reason is languishing, and we are constantly met with the enquiry why we do not turn our efforts to more needy fields.

No fact is more to be insisted on, than at this great awakening of the Island Empire for everything that will promote expansion, Christians must "take the tide at its flood" or the great opportunity will be forever lost.

Listen to these timely words of Rev. Garret Hondelink, a missionary of the Reformed Church in Japan:

"It pained me very much when a missionary who has just returned from America told me that many people were beginning to think that because a church had been established in Japan the country was nearly Christianized, and that it was no longer necessary to contribute any money for the work in Japan.

"I can only exclaim, What a most erroneous mistake! A church has been established, but the country is far from having been Christianized. But the truth is that Japan is far from having been evangelized and still further from being Christianized. There are Christians in Japan, but they are very, very few in comparison with those who are not Christians. In Saga where I am at present, it would be difficult to find the home of a Christian, while thousands upon thousands are still faithful worshippers of the old gods of Japan. There are no doubt some among the Japanese who secretly worship Jesus Christ, but for various reasons make no open profession of their religion. But it would be preposterous to assert that there were even as many as fifty thousand. Some of these so-called secret worshippers of Jesus look upon Him exactly as others look upon Confucius or some good and wise scholar. The field under my care contains more than one million people. Probably 950,000 of this population could not tell who Jesus is.

"Let anyone who thinks that the work of evangelizing Japan is completed, come and travel about with me on the field, and in one day's time I will show him enough heathenism to make his heart burn within him, and send him upon his knees to pray for more men, and more money to carry on this blessed work of evangelizing Japan. Let none be deceived.

Missionary work is not yet finished. The great work of evangelizing the millions of Japan is still a great problem of the present. Send us more men and more money!"

Rev. H. V. S. Peeke gives this striking contrast:

#### SOME THINGS JAPAN HAS.

"Japan has a first-class navy. Japan has a remarkably excellent educational system. Japan has a great future in agriculture. Japan has a great future in manufactures. Japan has a constantly growing merchant marine.

#### SOME THINGS JAPAN NEEDS.

"Japan has not attained a solution of her religious problem, of her moral problem, or of her home problem. Where marriages are commonly contracted, and often divorces effected, without the consent of the parties most intimately concerned, where fathers are commonly religionless, where religious instruction of the young is wanting, and where the religions in vogue are largely formal and out of sympathy with the age, there is little chance for such a home life as is the natural and beneficent result of Jesus' teaching. The remedy is not the American or the British, but the *Christian home*.

"The morals of Japan are in a very unsatisfactory condition. Not that there is no good prevalent. There is much of it. Confucian influences are still felt. Bushido is still a living tradition, but the conditions are so changed that new ideals, new motives, are called for. It is emphatically 'new Japan,' and new conditions insist on new remedies. The new remedy needed, is Christian standards and Christian motives.

"In religion it is felt by most educated people that Buddhism, which has really heretofore monopolized the field, does not any longer answer the purpose. Even if many do not feel it, it is surely so. Christianity has repeatedly rejuvenated itself. Jesus Christ is new to every man, to every age. Nothing but the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all its supernatural power, with all its insistence on a miraculous new birth, will answer Japan's present needs. Does this sound dogmatic? Very well; let it.

"No one can be long in Japan without feeling confident that just as this country has been the special charge of the providence of the Almighty in its political development, equally is it to be so in its spiritual development. The end, we believe, is assured. But, oh! the toils, the tears, the pains, the prayers before the day will be fully ushered in.

"Japan stands as a ringing call to every Japanese convert, to every Japanese leader,



and to every one in other countries who has the courage to sincerely pray, 'Thy Kingdom come.'

"Do not be mistaken about Japan. With the account of what it has constantly ringing in your ears, be careful that your attention is not distracted from the thought of what it still needs.

"God surely means to bless Japan, but He surely means to bless her through us who already possess the unspeakable gift. May He find us usable for His high and holy purpose!"

If it be true that the position of women in any land, and the homes over which they are the dominant factor, become the true test of a nation's glory, our duty is clear, not to forsake a work to which we pledged ourselves thirty-seven years ago. Generations of Christian girls have been educated in our School at 212 Bluff, the most of whom have created and adorned sanctified homes, which stand for lofty principle and far-reaching influence. Letters from our missionaries in Yokohama who guide this work are filled with instances of our Christian pupils, who on their vacations are exerting a positive and permeating influence over their heathen relatives and transforming the atmosphere of whole villages.

#### WILL YOU PLAN FOR IT?

WITH a return to the activities, interrupted by days of relaxation and change, the winter's short term of work takes definite shape. None of our varied departments of effort call for a more persistent purpose than our *Jubilee Fund*, which touches the very center of our treasury, as it is to provide the salaries of all our missionaries not specifically supported.

The fund has now reached \$1,649, but if it is to accomplish the purpose for which it was started, very much greater effort must be exerted in every direction. It is not sufficient to give the dollar asked for individually, but each friend should be a center to attract all who may be reached through her plea, as stated in our Jubilee leaflet. One of our earnest members sent us fifty dollars, designed as a dollar contribution for each year in our existence. Would that many of those who have for years worked by our side would be stimulated by this example.

It is for us to plan various ways of raising this fund, and we ask that suggestions may be freely given us, by those to whom it is a matter of vital interest that it should be a success.

#### POUR IN LIGHT.

DR. GRIFFITH JOHN of China gives this good advice: "The only way we as missionaries can deal with opposition of every kind is to pour in the light, and we must do so in every possible way. We must live it down, we must preach it down, we must write it down. We must pour in the light in the shape of a literature that shall breathe the spirit of purity, of love, and of universal brotherhood. We must keep pouring it in in spite of all opposition, hatred and malice."

#### MEMORIAL.

THE year has been marked by the loss of many of our prominent members, and with a peculiar sympathy do we record the death, July 15th, of our Vice-President, Mrs. William H. Harris. One of the founders of our Society, it was her delight year by year to record its widening influence and success. For a long period she raised the salary of one of our India missionaries apportioned to the Clinton Avenue Church in Brooklyn, one of our strongholds during the ministry of Rev. Wm. Budington, D.D., and many of our most animated meetings owed inspiration to her skillful management. One of her young daughters, with others of kindred spirit, formed the first Mission Band in this country, suggestively named by its founder, our late gifted co-editor, Mrs. S. W. Warner, "The Pioneer Band."

Our dear friend took the keenest interest in our approaching Jubilee Year, and often said, although past four score, without any limitations, "I hope I may live until that time, for it will be such an event to me." It was her great pleasure to tell the story of our simple beginning of this woman's missionary movement, wherever she found opportunity, and she always wound up her graphic recital with the emphatic words, "And it was wonderful!"

Priceless, beautiful memories cluster about her, for the influence of this quiet life, filled with boundless service for the Master, can never be estimated. To no one could the brief characteristic of Solomon's "virtuous woman" be more fitly applied. "In her tongue is the law of kindness," and we think of her among the blessed.

"Souls like thine with God inherit  
Life and love."



VILLAGE SCHOOL IN INDIA.

## FOR MISSION BANDS.

NEAR THE MUD HOUSES.

By ALICE E. WISHART.

THE village of the Whirlwind lies on the skirts of Allahabad, and consists of some half a hundred mud and plaster houses whose occupants serve in the homes of the Government *Sahibs*, or till the green fields which fringe the Ganges.

The children, who are of all sizes and ages, are allowed to go to our little Mission-School, if not needed to help earn the living of the family. This is too often the case, for even the wee girlies are pressed into service to carry the father's meal to him, or care for the younger members of the household while the mothers are in the fields, run to the bazaar, or carry water in the huge earthen jars too heavy for them. The school was merely tolerated at first by the older members of the community, who would give the teacher an indifferent nod, or a *salaam*, as she came and went day by day. To be sure, when the school was begun, the village straggled inquiringly to the door, and squeezed itself inside, as far as space would permit, some proud, others half indifferent that their children should learn. But when the novelty wore away it was taken

as an accepted fact and ceased to excite comment, until one day as a result of the school, there were converts more than could be numbered on our hands. Then there was much talk and a few of the parents were aroused to withdraw their children lest they also "fall into the pit of the Christians." So all unknown and unsuspected a Force had been set in motion in the sleepy little village of the Whirlwind, which it is believed will tell for years to come.

Here is a glimpse of the school. It is early on a bright, hot morning half an hour before school opens, and as the *Miss Sahib* wended her way through the single narrow street of the village to the school-house door, all was quiet at that hour. The usual dreamy haze hung over the Ganges in the near distance, and voices of those at work in the fields floated across the stretches of green mustard, yellow with bloom. The Village of the Whirlwind dreamed on, but soft droning children's voices were heard in imitation of the priests or pundits when they read their loved poets or chant a *mantra*. Some of the children had gathered before the school hour. But listen! what are they saying? "Oh, Lord, Thou art our Father, Thou art our Heavenly Father! Save this little village, save our fathers and

mothers, and brothers and sisters, save us from idol-worship. Bless our teacher and give us Thy Holy Spirit. Let Thy blessing be upon us for Jesus sake. Amen." Tiptoeing in, before the prayer was finished revealed two little girls wrapped close in their *saris*, kneeling on the clean mud floor thus earnestly pleading for their people.

And was the prayer answered? Little more than a year afterward the mother, father, a brother and two sisters of one of these children came out on the Lord's side, and though weak and faltering, yet saved, we believe. They need your prayers.

The father, an abject creature even for that wicked little place, followed his wife and children. Some weeks after, they left to be baptized. The weeks which followed were full of ups and downs, not only for the new converts but for those under whose care they were. The Powers of Darkness sought to undo all that had been gained for Jesus. The prayers of those who watched the conflict prevailed, and they were kept safe through months of struggle.

Oh! for more discerning sympathy with those whose temptations, like their sorrows, pass the bounds of our experience!" It is not safe to relax. Shall we not unitedly hold these "little ones" up in prayer before His throne?

## A HOLIDAY IN JAPAN.

By FLORENCE N. WELLS.

WHEN one is tired, there is no recreation more beneficial than a tramp into the country. Thinking thus, Miss Pratt, Miss Tracy, and I planned to spend our short Spring vacation walking through the beautiful mountains of the Idzu Peninsula, which lies to the southward of Yokohama.

Leaving home one Monday mid-morning, we reached Ohito at three o'clock. After resting a few moments at the everywhere present tea-house, then walking three miles beside a winding river with violet-dotted banks, we came to our first night's resting-place, the village of Shuzenji, nestling among the hills. When we had been refreshed by a hot mineral bath, we lay down between soft comfortables spread upon the floor-mats, and soon fell asleep, lulled by the song of the rushing river.

Tuesday morning before leaving we walked about the town accompanied, of course, by dozens of children and many grown people, who seemed curious to know what the for-

eigners would do and say. In the grounds of a temple which we visited to see the cherry trees in blossom, we found an old wayside god carved from stone, with such a cross, disdainful expression that I should think his worshippers would be afraid of him.

While we were buying postals in a little shop, suddenly we heard our names called, and turning we saw our little school-girl for whom Miss Loomis obtained a glass eye. The child took us to call on her mother, an earnest Christian woman, with whom we conversed over the hospitable cup of tea. To reach the hotel we had to cross a turbulent river by means of a swinging bridge suspended from wires.

The children who came from school were different from city children. None of them shouted "Foreigner" after us, the little girls bowed, the boys lifted their hats, and the parents came to the doors of their neat, white-washed houses to see the three foreign ladies go past.

We finally took a short cut up a steep mountain side, through a windy tunnel, and as we caught a glimpse of the ocean our hearts were glad within us. When we came to the hotel the warm welcome extended to us did much to revive us. It mattered nothing to us then that a gale was hurling the rain upon the tiled roof. We were the first foreign guests who had ever been entertained there.

It would take some time to tell of the beauties of that fourteen-mile journey. The sea wore the blue of Italian waters; dark pines and snowy cherry-blossoms decked many mountain sides. Yet all of our time was not occupied with enjoying the scenery, for we had with us a most amusing old man who carried our luggage on his back. He asked the usual questions as to our homes and families; was sorry we had no children, and quite distressed that we were not even married. He asked us about the wonderful things in the cities, Tokyo and Yokohama. As we neared our destination, he proposed to accompany us back to Yokohama and seemed disappointed that our generosity would not permit him to do so. When the old man saw us giving tracts to the people, it did not take him long to find out about Christianity; and as we met anyone, he would say, "Give a paper to this person; he can read."

By consulting a pedometer we found that we had walked forty miles, but returned home on the train, thoroughly rested and ready for work, glad not only for change of scene, but also for the glimpses we had had of the unspoiled Japanese of the country.

RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America for Heathen Lands from July 1 to July 31, 1908.

## ALLAHABAD, INDIA.

Mass.—Boston, Mrs. J. A. Beebe, for Miss Wishart's special work,	\$100 00
Conn.—Southport, Miss M. F. Wakeman, 200.00; Miss F. Wakeman, 100.00; Cornelia Wakeman, Crapo estate, Miss F. Wakeman, Ex., 200.00, all for Miss Wishart's special work,	500 00
N. Y.—Dewittville, Mrs. L. C. Ely, special for Miss Bertsch,	50 00
N. J.—Morristown, Mrs. F. W. Owen, for Miss Wishart's special work, 50.00. Newark Aux., Mrs. R. H. Allen, Treas., "Given to Miss Roderick, that special work in Allahabad may be continued, which would otherwise have been closed"; Mrs. George Vanderpoll, 100.00; the Misses Duryee, 10.00; Miss McConnell, 1.00; Miss M. Ward, 2.00; Mrs. Rusling, 2.00; Miss Olsen, 1.00; Mrs. Allen, 25.00; A Friend, 5.00.	196 00
Pa.—Johnstown, Dr. B. T. Caldwell, for Chanelli, 5.00. Philadelphia, Mrs. Wm. Waterall, per Miss Wishart, 5.00.	10 00
Mich.—Detroit, St. Paul's Church, Miss Com, C. E. Society, per Miss H. Wunderlich, for Miss Bertsch,	12 50
Total,	\$868 50

## CALCUTTA.

R. I.—Providence Br., Mrs. J. C. Stockbridge, Treas. Mrs. Lucius Lyon (given by her trustee), 10.00; Mrs. Henry G. Russell, 10.00; Mrs. F. E. Richmond, 5.00; Mrs. Abby L. Chesborough, 5.00; Miss S. C. Durfee, 2.00; Mrs. W. J. Pierce, 1.00; Mrs. W. T. Barton, 1.00; Mrs. Scott Smith, 1.00; Miss Farmer, 1.00; Miss Peckham, 1.00; Mrs. J. P. Campbell, 1.00; Mrs. J. C. Stockbridge, 1.00.	\$39 00
N. Y.—New York City, Y. W. C. League, Miss A. M. Gibson, Treas., salary of Miss Mudge,	\$150 00
N. J.—Montclair, Mrs. Wm. Vernon, for support of Sailee Sikdar,	10 00
Pa.—Philadelphia Br., Mrs. William Waterall, Treas. Christ Memorial R. E. Church, for Sarah Emily Morton scholarship,	50 00
Ohio—Cincinnati Br., Mrs. M. M. White, Treas. Miss Phebe Baker, for support of "Shomo Prohba," in Orphanage, 30.00; Missionary Society, Y. W. C. A., for support of Shorilla (Bible Reader), 35.00,	65 00
Total,	\$314 00

## CAWNPORE.

## Mary Avery Merriman School.

N. H.—Concord, Mrs. Henry Morrison, for support of Sundari,	\$20 00
N. Y.—New York City, Mrs. D. I. Reynolds, 10.00. Schenectady, Miss Gertrude J. N. Lyle, for Kohira, 3.75.	13 75
N. J.—Westfield, W. F. M. Society, R. E. Church, Miss M. F. Hammer, Treas. Y. P. S. C. E., Grace Church (Scranton, Pa.), for Jane,	5 00
Pa.—Philadelphia Br., Mrs. William Waterall, Treas. Wayne Zenana Society, Mrs. Heberton, for support of Bessie, 36.00. West Chester, Miss C. Shee, Dulari, 5.00,	41 00
Total,	\$79 75

## FÄTEHPUR.

Conn.—Brooklyn, A Friend, for Blind Amy, Bible Reader,	\$20 00
Pa.—Philadelphia, Dr. E. B. Everitt, for Elizabeth, 20.00. Wells Tannery, Miss R. E. Wishart, 1.00,	21 00
Canada.—Rothesay, N. B., Netherwood S. S., Miss S. B. Ganong, Treas.,	24 00
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## JHANSI.

## Mary S. Ackerman, Hoyt Hospital.

N. Y.—Dobbs Ferry, The Misses Master's School, Miss M. C. Strong, Treas., for Miss Fairbank's salary,	600 00
Pa.—Edinboro, State Normal School, per Miss E. Powell,	170 39
Md.—Baltimore Br., Nurses' Circle, through Miss Cook, for support of nurse,	50 00
Total,	\$820 39

## SHANGHAI, CHINA.

N. Y.—Brooklyn, Mrs. R. L. Cutter, for evangelistic work, 100.00. New York City, Miss E. B. Stone, salary Miss E. Irvine, 125.00,	\$225 00
Pa.—Robesonia, C. E. Society, Mrs. S. E. Keiser, Treas., for support of Fun Ling,	5 00
Total,	\$230 00

## YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

N. Y.—Brooklyn, Mrs. Peter McCartee, quarterly payment for Bible Reader Mrs. Inoye, 15.00. Corona, Leverich Memorial Bd., Mrs. M. Le Forte, Treas., for Bible Reader, 15.00. New York City, Miss S. B. Hills, "In Memoriam" of Mrs. S. W. Hills, for Bible Reader, 60.00. Crotonville S. S., per Miss Van Winkle, for Yokohama S. S., 5.00.	\$95 00
N. J.—Westfield, W. F. M. Society, R. E. Church, Miss M. F. Hammer, Treas., Mrs. Jos. Barton's quar. for Bible Reader,	15 00
Pa.—Pittsburg, Miss Jennie Finley,	20 00
Ky.—Owingsville, Mrs. R. A. Walton, for Elizabeth Barnes Walton Memorial,	50 00
Mo.—St. Louis, Mr. Charles W. Nau, for support of Bible Reader, Zuzuki Iku,	60 00
Total,	\$240 00

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N. J.—Lakehurst, Rev. A. H. Allen, 25.00. Newark, Miss T. T. Burnett, 1.00. Trenton, Mrs. A. R. Stephenson, 2.00,	28 00
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Total,	\$566 19

JUBILEE FUND.

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N. Y.—Dr. Mina McKenzie, 7.00; Miss F. E. Sabine, per Mrs. L. E. Reynolds, 5.00,	12 00
Pa.—Johnstown, Dr. B. T. Caldwell, 1.00. Wells Tannery, Mrs. Harvey Wishart, 1.00,	2 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$17 00</b>

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<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$210 00</b>
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SUMMARY.

Allahabad,	\$883 50
Calcutta,	314 00
Cawnpore,	104 75
Fatehpur,	104 75
Fatehpur,	65 00
Jhansi,	830 39
China,	230 00
Japan,	450 00
General Fund,	566 19
Jubilee Fund,	17 00
Subscriptions to Missionary Link,	14 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$3,474 83</b>

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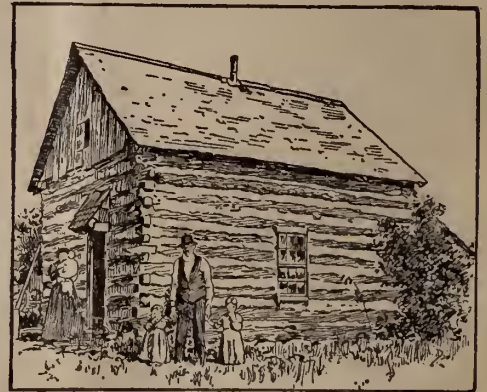
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